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## ALE NEWS

*Submitted by Sarah St. Michael, owner of ALE*

ALE is offering takeout, including the \$50 “Date Night” Dinner for Two special, Wednesdays through Sundays from 3-8pm. Sunday Prime Rib Dinner continues to be a popular weekly offering. As per provincial government mandate, takeout is currently the only available food option. The Ontario government’s stay at home order is expected to end on May 20, 2021.

ALE has sold out for Mother’s Day Takeout High Tea! A limited number of Sunday Prime Rib Dinners will be available on Mother’s Day too.

As always, please visit [aleottawa.ca](http://aleottawa.ca) for more information and follow ALE’s official Facebook page @ALE - Amberwood Lounge & Eatery. ALE’s phone number is 613-831-2442.

## BOARD NEWS

### *Business Plan*

The business plan is complete and will be presented to the board later this month and shared with the AVRA members shortly thereafter. We are predicting another banner year for 2021 despite the COVID setback and we expect our business to continue to prosper for 2022, 2023 and beyond. The business plan is a living document and will be reviewed annually to reflect economic and market conditions.

### *Reserve Fund Study*

The Board has engaged IRC Group to complete the reserve fund study. The results of the study will be shared with the AVRA members in September. Homeowners in Amberwood Village are encouraged to read more on the subject. Click [here](#).

### *Donations*

Donations to AVRA are most welcome and will be accepted in either cheque (made out to AVRA) or e-transfer format. Please email our Treasurer, Terry Wright [terry.charles.wright1952@gmail.com](mailto:terry.charles.wright1952@gmail.com), to coordinate. Although AVRA is a non-profit organization, it is not a registered charity so tax receipts cannot be provided.



### *ALE Contract*

You will be happy to hear that ALE has renewed its contract for five years, with a five-year option. Thank you for supporting ALE during this difficult period. You can look forward to brighter days ahead when you can enjoy a meal on the patio and a drink by the pool.

### *Fundraising and Major Events*

A Fundraising and Major Events committee has been struck, and includes John Thomsen, Marius Felix, Linda Norton and Christine Adam-Carr. The first meeting will be held in May to discuss upcoming major events and fundraising initiatives. Suggestions and ideas are welcome and will be reviewed for feasibility.

### *AVRA AGM*

The merger of AVRA and AVGCC is now complete, and the Finance Committee is consolidating the bank accounts. Because the AVRA Board has moved its year-end from August 31<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, the next AVRA AGM will be held in the spring of 2022. In the interim, AVRA will hold a special virtual meeting in November to vote on the annual dues. Members will have an opportunity to discuss the implication of annual dues in September. More details to follow.

### *Strategic and Brand Plan*

This spring, we are reaching out to Amberwood's targeted demographic groups (retirees, 25-34yo and families) in our community to gather their thoughts on extracurricular activities. Our first survey directed at 25-34yos is currently in market. A second survey will be going out by the end of April to families, followed by a survey for retirees. Keep an eye out for links to Survey Monkey to participate in your respective survey.

### *Communications*

AVRA and TMSI held a joint Spring Information Session on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Attendees were excited to hear about the many fun plans for Amberwood this summer. In case you missed it, you can view the related slide presentation and listen to the audio recording [here](#).

### *New Marshall Coordinator*

Welcome to Dave Short, who has volunteered to be our new Marshall Coordinator. Dave will help with scheduling and on course issues.

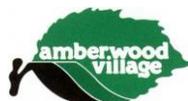
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## **PROJECTS —**

### *Irrigation system*

*Submitted by Ralph Milligan, AVRA Board Director*

The pipes, equipment, parts and trailers have all been delivered as installation continues. Work is continuing from the pumphouse where the sixth main pipe is connected to the new irrigation pump. This pipe extends towards the second tee box, where it is reduced to 4" and will form a loop along hole numbers 2, 3, 5, and 1. The next work will begin on the first hole, where all feed lines and sprinkler heads will be installed. We calculate that there will likely be eight holes in play most of the time. We may modify hole numbers two and eight to be two short holes on each with temporary greens to make up for holes that are under construction. Once the course re-opens, daily updates will be provided to all members and green fee players via Facebook and email, and these updates will identify the hole that will be out of use for the given day. All work is expected to be completed by mid June. Reduced green fees will be in effect for the duration of construction.



### *Pool refurbishment*

Pool Works continues to work on the pipes and mechanical elements. They will soon start the work on finishing the pool walls. The deck furniture has been ordered and a contract has been awarded to Bytown Fence to install our new black iron fence. If you have not had a chance to view the new designs, please visit our website by clicking [here](#). Please direct any feedback or comments to [info@amberwoodvillage.ca](mailto:info@amberwoodvillage.ca).

### *Sale of the lots*

The closing of the purchase agreement with Inverness homes is scheduled for mid-May. The renderings were approved by the Board on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be shared with the community together with the construction schedule, once Inverness has finalized their construction plans.

### *Fundraising*

*Submitted by Christine Adam-Carr, AVRA Board Secretary*

The sale of furniture and surplus equipment continues, with all proceeds being directed to AVRA. To date, over \$700 has been raised. Up next, you might be interested in purchasing: sofas and a loveseat, electric fireplace, a donated 55" flatscreen TV, shelving units, lamps, white patio chairs, dishes (white - plates, platters, cups, saucers), glassware (wine glasses, water glasses, mugs), decorative baskets, candle holders and single golf clubs. Please contact [avra.board.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:avra.board.secretary@gmail.com) for pricing and pictures. All will be posted on Kijiji and Marketplace as soon as the stay-at-home order is lifted.

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## **MEMBERS' ROOM**

Thank you to the anonymous donor for the new desktop computer, screen, keyboard and mouse for our former Library. While several names have been proposed for this room, the main purpose of having this area is for Club Members to access the Golf Canada Web Site for handicap purposes, review the various Activity Bulletin Boards where respective Captains will post League Events, and sign up sheets for League Play or Tournament draws or results. If there are Community related activities, then these notices will be posted on the bulletin boards located between the two washrooms in the hallway. Special thanks to Linda Norton for refinishing the two tables in this refurbished room, and Audrey Norgang for shampooing the carpets on the entire lower level including offices, the pro shop and the hallways!! As a final touch Jan Lockett is creating signage to identify which activity board belongs to which group.

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## **VOLUNTEERS**

*Submitted by Andrea Felix, AVRA Volunteer Coordinator*



### *A big THANK YOU for a BIG clean up!*

What a great response! Our AVRA volunteers' tireless dedication to cleaning up and raking the various groves around the golf course was amazing, and the results are beautiful. They even manhandled a large dead tree to keep the grove safe for stray golfers.

### *Flower Power*

Thanks to Nina Willman for taking on the lead in sprucing up the garden beds around the golf course. Once the beds have new soil added (thanks to youth volunteers), we will need people to plant the flowers both around the golf course and in the new poolside planters on Saturday, June 5th. If you're interested in helping with this phase of the project, please email [avra.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:avra.volunteers@gmail.com)



### *Volunteer Event Planner Needed!*

Do you enjoy putting community events together? Then this volunteer opportunity is for you! As a volunteer event planner you would coordinate and schedule the activities with our AVGCC General Manager, and coordinate food and beverages with ALE staff. The Volunteer Coordinators would help you recruit the volunteers you need to run the various activities. Planning would begin in early May. If interested, please email [avra.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:avra.volunteers@gmail.com).

The events planned for Canada Day will of course be dependent on COVID protocols.

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## **CLUB NEWS**

Memberships for the use of facilities continue to be sold, with the hope of providing a full season of activities despite the current lock down. The early course opening in April was extremely popular but, because of COVID, all programs, clinics, leagues and events were postponed until at least May 31<sup>st</sup>. Once the club re-opens and the details of the regulations are announced by the Ontario Government, the club will announce its plan on how it will accommodate everyone in a safe manner.

### *Golf*

*Submitted by Mark Hyne, golf course superintendent*

The course dried out nicely and we were able to welcome golfers on Saturday the April 8<sup>th</sup> if only for a brief time before the COVID restrictions required us to shut down. A lot of work took place getting the course ready and a special thanks goes out to the volunteer crew who raked up the brush. Projects for the next few weeks include fertilization, tee deck repairs, and dethatching and aerating the high traffic areas. I will also be spraying the parking lot islands with chelated iron to reduce weeds. Green speed should gradually increase as we lower our mowing heights over the next few weeks. Deep and infrequent watering once the new system is installed will allow us to speed up the greens even more with additional agronomic practices. I am looking forward to some pieces of equipment that will be delivered by the end of the month, including two new mowers and two utility work carts.

### *Pickleball /Tennis*

The pickleball courts opened on April 10<sup>th</sup> but were shut down shortly thereafter. Once the COVID restrictions are lifted and we have our newly resurfaced courts we will be able to set up court schedules based on player

ability such as advanced, intermediate and beginner. We should also be able to set up ladder play for different categories leading eventually to club championship rounds. Click [here](#) to get your membership.

### *Summer Camps*

TMSI is hosting all the young campers in 2021. Activities for children ages 4-12 will include: swimming, archery, soccer, basketball, ball hockey, volleyball, dodgeball, water games, and more. Only a few spots remain. Click [here](#) to register.

### *Pool*

The pool will be open before the end of June, subject to COVID-19 restrictions and weather conditions to complete the work. The Aquafit classes are full.

Click [here](#) to view pool times for families and adult lane swim.

### *Swimming lessons*

Swimming lessons (ten 30-minute sessions) will be offered to ages four and up from July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>. Our standard practice is to have six participants per class; however, class size will be reduced to three people if necessary to accommodate COVID restrictions. Children's classes follow the Red Cross Swim Kids program, and swim level will be assessed onsite if you are unsure of your child's level.

Click [here](#) to register for lessons.

### *Social events, programs and clinics*

Date night and 9 and Dine events are currently on hold until the COVID restrictions are lifted and ALE can open its doors to the public. We will provide an update on the rescheduled events mid May.

### *Club Memberships*

You can purchase your membership at the pro shop or by contacting Katherine Vollett directly by phone (613-836-2581) or email ([kvollett@tmsiottawa.com](mailto:kvollett@tmsiottawa.com)). New this year are the all-inclusive family membership and the swim and paddle membership.

Click [here](#) to view the 2021 membership pricing. Remember, you don't have to be a member to play at Amberwood. We offer drop-in rates for all activities (tennis, pickleball, swimming, and golf).

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## **MEMBERS' CORNER**

We would like to welcome Marilyn Stickles to AVRA.

We had three winners to last month's challenge –What did Red Oaks Trail used to be called?

Congratulations to Jason Pantalone, Beth Ronaghan and Catherine Westbrook for correctly identifying that Red Oaks Trail was previously called Twelve Oaks Trail. The city changed its name because of the possible confusion for 911 operators.

This month' challenge: Prior to the first fire at Amberwood Golf & Country Club, what activities were held in the ANNEX? Click [here](#) to submit your answer.

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## **WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

If you have any specific topics you would like covered, please send us an email at [Info@amberwoodvillage.ca](mailto:Info@amberwoodvillage.ca) and we will include it in the next issue of *Amberwood Insider*.

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